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INSULIN PRECURSOR IN P. PASTORIS**

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Sir:

In response to the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures dated November 9, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 28, line 9 with the following paragraph.

--In the DNA construction according to the invention, also any signal sequence permitting the proper exportation of the insulin precursor may be utilized. Preferably, the signal

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